

Daily Eagle

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THE OLD NEW TICKET.

While the ticket nominated by the Republican state convention yesterday does not differ in its personnel from the ticket that would have been named had no rebellion within the party occurred, with the single exception of its head; while the men are practically the same, we are assured that the methods of administration and the conduct of public affairs are to be improved. There is no question but that one of the pressing public demands of these times, not only in Kansas, but in many other states, is for higher ideals in public life, for more honesty and greater economy. Political organizations have taken on so many of the attributes of the machine, taken on so much of the spirit of commercialism that the will and desires of the people are not only practically denied expression, but are lost sight of and ignored. While it is true, as Senator Hanna declared a few days before his death, that there is no such thing as party success in the absence of organization, it is just as true that the party voter should have a more direct hand and distinct voice in the plans and in the selection of the men constituting such organization. There is too much of the graft and trade, too much dividing up, and rewarding professional politicians, for a government of, for and by the people. While these abuses are inevitable to a greater or less degree, there is the possible purifying process in the "bustlers" making a new "machine" and the old machine becoming a curb or balance wheel by becoming "bustlers" in turn. Meanwhile the people, the average voter, should hold to the motto of President Roosevelt for absolute honesty and high capability upon the part of public officials. In short, the constant demand is for cleaner methods and higher standards in political life. This being true, a charge of questionable acts upon the part of political leaders is all that is necessary to individual distrust of the citizen and party revolution.

Of the men comprising the ticket nominated yesterday there is little if anything necessary to say or affirm. They are all well known to the people of the state as capable officers, many of them widely personally known. Their record as public officials is a sufficient guaranty of their future probity and usefulness. While the Eagle has not been willing to assert to the truthfulness of the charges against the old leaders, or to believe that there had been high-handed corruption, on the other hand it will just as heartily help to hold up the hands of the new leaders selected so long as they shall endeavor to make good their pledges of reform and economy in the administration of the public affairs of our beloved state.

ANOTHER MENTAL WRECK.

The assertion that mental work does not wear men out is a mistake. An eternal mental strain tells in time on the nerves, when brain and body alike suffer. Mr. Stead, the well known journalist and publisher, who has been noted for his fertility of invention and ceaseless activity, is another in the long list of men who try to do too much who overtax their brains. He started in London on January 4 a new journal, uniquely named "The Daily Paper." It was interesting and won a good circulation, but the general advertiser stood aloof, and the paper has suspended, and Mr. Stead is off on a journey to a southern clime with impaired memory the result of intense nervous strain. He has properties that bring him in a good income, but he will never be able to work as he has done. He founded the well known Review of Reviews, and has been in other journalistic enterprises. With all his activity he could not do ten men's work; so he is hauled up for mental repairs.

GREAT WARS FROM SMALL CAUSES.

At least it has been no small matter that has brought Russia and Japan to hostilities. There is a great deal of truth in the saying that England drifted into the Crimean war without knowing exactly why it did so. Not less accurate was Lord Palmerston's familiar declaration concerning the Schleswig-Holstein troubles. Only three men in Europe, he said, ever knew what those war making troubles were. Two of them died before the war broke out, and the third forgot what was the point in dispute. A slight by Frederick the Great to M. de Pompadour was one of the exciting causes of the Seven Years' war. An overturned glass of water was one of the contributing elements to another. The omission of a single "etc." was the peg upon which an earlier one was hung. The theft of a lady's petticoat brought the Moors and Spaniards to bloodshed. The smashing of a mandarin's teapot was the basis of a war between the imperial forces of China and hill tribes which lasted for generations.

THE IRON AND STEEL TRADE.

If a healthy activity in iron and steel is to be taken as indicative of a sound and continuing prosperous business situation, there is cause for congratulation in this year of disasters from fire and wreckage. The imports of iron and steel, which were on the rise for a long time, pending the enlargement of the home mills, fell from \$31,245,980 during the seven months ending January 31, 1903, to \$17,892,716 for the corresponding period ending January 31, 1904, while the exports rose from \$55,957,942 in the first seven months mentioned to \$59,125,720 during the seven months ending January 31, 1904. That was not a great increase, certainly, but the true average of increase is indicated in the fact that the exports for January, 1903, were 17,456 tons, as against exports of 49,880 tons in January, 1904, the imports falling from 184,169 tons in January, 1903, to 27,192 tons in last January.

HISTORY IN TATTOO.

There exists in Paris a famous professor, Pierre Tible, who, to describe him in his own words, is an "engraver upon human skin." He lives in the Greville quarter. As a permanent advertisement he exhibits his left arm on which are engraved in order all the presidents of the republic from Thiers to Loubet. On the professor's body, it is stated, is to be found the whole history of France—portraits of Charlemagne, Henri IV., Joan of Arc, Louis XIV., Robespierre, Napoleon, Gambetta and others, with escautrons, fasces, flag trophies and similar ornaments galore.

MORE VALUABLE THAN GOLD.

Many people think of gold as the most valuable metal, whereas there are now seventeen known which are more valuable. Gold, silver, and sometimes platinum are classed as "precious" metals, not because of their intrinsic value so much as because of their resistance to corrosion, which makes them suitable for jewelry, etc. But many metals are more rare and costly, the new element radium being the most striking example.

THE NEXT ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

In 1900 the electoral college consisted of 447 members. The number necessary to a choice was 224. McKinley carried states casting 292 votes. Bryan won the votes of

155 electors. In the popular vote the Republican total was 7,207,923. That of the Democrats was 6,358,133. The plurality for McKinley was 849,790. His majority over all other candidates was 456,259. This year the increase of population shown by the census of 1900 and in some degree reflected in the enlargement of the house of representatives, has made the electoral college a body of 476

KANSAS CITY'S GRAFT FALLS DOWN.

The Lawrence Journal says that "The congressional committee before which the Kansas City river commission delegation appeared to ask for \$15,000,000 for prevention of future flood losses in Kansas City, plainly told the visitors that there was no hope of any favorable action on any such proposition as that presented. The congressmen said that, if it was desired, the government might assume control of the river, and force the railroads and other interests that have been responsible for narrowing the channel, to widen and deepen it at their own expense. It is safe to say that this will end the Kansas City grafting project."

AN AWAKENED ASIA.

Japan, in proportion to its population, has nearly three times as many children in school as Russia. The Japanese are friends of learning and of the broadest investigation. They do not stifle human thought. This fact indicates what an immense potentiality of influence Japan possesses in its relation to the myriads of Asiatics on the mainland, and it may be confidently predicted that this wonderful Oriental race is to become the leader of an awakened Asia.

BILL TO EXCLUDE NEGROES.

A bill before the Virginia legislature gives the conductors of Pullman cars the right to exclude any and all passengers "who in their judgment should not be allowed to ride." Of course the conductor's judgment will unerringly point to the negro. It is believed that the bill is so drawn as to be constitutional.

BIG CITY IN THREE YEARS.

Harbin, Manchuria, is about three years old, but it is one of the greatest cities of Asia, and has the largest European population of any Asiatic city, containing 60,000 Russians, besides the soldiers, and 40,000 Chinese. It will be the greatest flour-milling city of that region.

MUMMIES' ARTIFICIAL EYES.

Artificial eyes were first used by the Egyptians long before the Christian era. Mummies have been found with artificial eyes. They were fashioned of gold, silver, copper or ivory.

DOLCINO TO MARGARET.

The world goes up and the world goes down,
And the sunshine follows the rain;
And yesterday's sneer and yesterday's frown,
Can never come over again.
Sweet wife,
No, never come over again.

For woman is warm, though man be cold,
And the night will hallow the day;
Till the heart which at even was weary and old
Can rise in the morning gay,
Sweet wife,
To its work in the morning gay.
—Kingsley.

Mr. Eki Hioki announces that the Jap forces will move from Yin Kow to Mukden, and we feel more assured that Gen. Anju will get his Korean forces into Kank Ge on the Yalu. Still we don't exactly comprehend at this distance what advantages Kang Ge holds over Yin Kow, in the absence of explanations from Eki Hioki.

The Kansas City Journal is urging harmony in the Republican party of Kansas. No paper inside or outside of the state of Kansas went to a greater length to raise a row in the Republican party of Kansas than the Journal, a paper that has no influence in its own state outside of its home city, if, indeed, it has much there.

The consideration which the minority contingent gets from the majority crowd, in the Republican ranks of Kansas, is not a very conspicuous article. If a minority representative should be accorded recognition on the floor of a convention by the chairman he would be considered a lucky dog.

Kansas City promises to lay it over St. Louis with her candidate for governor. Reed, the Kansas City machine man, is doing up the St. Louis reformer, Mr. Folk. Folk sent a number of Missouri machine men over the road but not a sufficient number to break the majority.

"Wichita is the busiest manufacturing town in eleven states this week. The Republican party is at work there and is making a governor."—Topeka Herald. Also making a congressman, not to mention the unmaking of a number of things.

We don't believe the Kansas City Journal's story that Senator Long defeated a congressional redistricting by the last legislature to save Curtis. Cy, Leland ran that house, and he was not around saving Curtis' bacon.

Your Yi Yonk Ik Cy may have been Dreyfussed by Pfing Stubbs, general of the Wos y Gils, but Cy, if he indulges in any sighing, will do it later on from all indications.

The Kaw flood of last spring exterminated the crop of rats and mice of the flooded districts not only, but rendered a big potato crop for this year impossible.

Attorney General Knox, who has been ready to prosecute the beef trust, says that the cattlemen are swift in making charges, but slow in supplying facts.

Japan has her clutch on Port Arthur and her cinch on Vladivostok. If the Russian fleet is outside of Port Arthur it is trapped; if inside, it is bottled.

Mr. Ross Stubbs announces that he desires to quit politics. It might probably be possible to name quite a number who wish he had never begun 'em.

Talk about woman's capacity for politics, or her ability to manipulate a primary, you are confidently referred to Wichita's Fifth ward Tuesday.

Emporia is to get another daily paper, the Times. In due time the Times will realize that it was born out of time.

Marion has been preparing all week to give E. W. Hech a big banquet on his return home from Wichita.

The anti-machine lost its "anti" yesterday and the old bosses may now be considered as "bustlers."

Mr. Folk does not seem the equal of Mr. Hoch when it comes to downing the "machine."

The Lay of the Hen is not so high in poetry nor in price as it was.

The trust ought to get hold of Russia. She is a beefier for sure.

KANSAS HISTORY REVEALS THAT

IN 1861, FORTY-THREE YEARS AGO TODAY—Lincoln county organized the first militia regiment in the state. Among the captains were Charles R. Jennison and J. F. Broadhead.

IN 1874, THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY—Cassius G. Foster, of Atchison, was appointed United States district judge. The Normal school was located at Concordia, Cloud county. The legislature adjourned after passing, among others, the following acts: "Apportioning the state into three congressional districts; making an appropriation to test the title to the Osage Ceded Lands; attaching Linn county to the Tenth judicial district; establishing a fiscal agency in New York; exempting Menominee and Friends from military service; prohibiting lotteries; authorizing railroad companies to issue preferred stock; a railroad assessment law, giving the assessment to township assessors; requiring the education of all healthy children; providing for the investment of sinking funds; repealing the act creating a Board of State Commissioners; repealing the act exempting mortgages from taxation; for the semi-annual payment of taxes; a civil rights protection law; defining the boundaries of Edwards, Iowa, Stafford and Pawnee counties; providing for the appointment of state centennial managers; amending the bond-registration law and restricting the power to issue municipal bonds."

IN 1884, TEN YEARS AGO TODAY—Jap Rainey was convicted of the murder of his sweetheart and was sentenced in court at Paola to one year and to be hanged.

IN 1890, FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY—During a terrible wind-storm, a prairie fire started near Isabel, in Pratt county, and caused great losses. For a time the people were utterly powerless to stop the fire's progress, and only torrents of rain succeeded in checking it.

THE PIKERS' LAMENT

"Do not for one repulse forego the purpose that you resolved to effect."—Shakespeare.

Bleeding Kansas has had the wound in her side opened again; this time by the New York Globe. It says:

"That they still use the 'Letter Writer's Friend' and 'The Ready-Letter Writer' out in Kansas is strongly suspected from a note which an Emporia woman recently received from a candidate for domestic service. It began as follows: 'My Dear Friend—I take my pen in hand to answer your tender missive.'"

He sat beside her in the church.
The while the solemn preacher spoke;
He slept—I write this with regret,
She found a pin—and he awoke!"

Sometimes the man who has a record to make gets along so fast he runs clear out of sight.

First know your man, and then strike.

Said one man to the other: "I'm your brother."

Said the other: "That depends."

Kansas, here's your man, Ed Hoch. He's the stuff, and that's no joke; "Booze" and "Boodle" he's after you."

Off the track there, P. D. Q.

L. Y. WEEKS, Winfield Delegation.

Geo. R. PECK, REJOINDER.

Geo. R. Peck, formerly of Kansas and whom every Kansas Republican has either known or read about, went back east a few years ago to attend a class reunion.

A banquet was the feature and the program was decidedly praiseworthy. A noted divine who hadn't been plumed at college was making a dull speech. Said he: "When I recall the old times when we sat in class and learned to decline his, here—"

"If I remember correctly, you never learned to decline heck, broke in Peck and thereforward, Jolly, succeeded solemnity at the banquet."

THE WAR CORRESPONDENT.

Look pleasant, please, while censors scratch.

"Ere they let slip your war dispatch About torpedoes capers."

Not pleasing news when others win. And so they twist the facts therein.

As girls will twist curl papers.

CHAS. T. FORAN.

There is a character deepseated from the shape or length of a person's nose. Intellect or morals cannot be measured with a yard stick or by form.

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES

Apricot trees are in full bloom at Hennessy.

Col. Havana, of Enid, has been mentioned by the Wave as United States senator when Oklahoma and Indian territory are one.

A Perry girl gave her lover \$60 to deposit in the bank and the fellow skipped. Loan year is making some of the girls reckless.

Canadian county farmers report that the drought did not do the dirtiest. Best must feed in some places. Portions of fields look like they had been shaved.

Senator George Boliway entertained the officers of Fort Reno one night last week. According to the Democrat, the guests included: Gold lace, brave men and handsome women.

Sheriff McGehee, of Noble county, is running a close second to the United States marshals office in the rounding up of criminals.

Several of Oklahoma's best papers are authorities for the statement that the registration books are now open.

J. Hunter Williams is quoted as saying that Wm. H. Hays, the nominated for congress by the Democrats.

A new two-story brick building is to be started at Perry next week. It will be occupied by a laundry and a bathing institution.

Court is in session at Tecumseh. Judge Burwell is presiding.

Joe Myers, of the Shawnee Quill, who was mired up by a fall on an icy walk in and around Enid, is handicapped with crutches, however.

"Old maid luncheon" and "Spinster teas" are the order at Pond Creek.

Temple claims that the highest price for cattle of any paid in Oklahoma are given there.

Radium is said to have been found at the town of Roosevelt. An injunction should be gotten out against Bain before proceeding further.

Lexington leaders: "How much is the toll exacted by two old women of Tom Rose, at the bridge the other day? 'Twenty cents for a man and horse,' said Mr. Rose. 'Well, then, get out of the way, we are two old women and a mare; get up, Jenny' and away they went."

There is talk of a five-story hotel at Enid. This is a matter of vital importance to Enid if it expects to be a convention city.

Children are still being used for walks at Blackwell.

Granite is counting on another big show season. Mangan capitalists will put in a five-story outfit.

Perry Republican: While pruning the park trees, Postmaster Little found the head of an English sparrow attached to a branch. A dead, sharp twig having pierced the skull, entering the opening of the beak and protruding through the right eye. Now Mr. Little is well versed in biology and he has given the habits of the bird kingdom special study. He says the English sparrows are great family fighters and the skull found in the tree, he says, is no doubt the result of a fight between two male birds, whereas the skull found hanging was the result of the victor's spoil, judging by the way the skull had grown into the parent branch.

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